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SUMMARY. PARTY ELDER AND FORMER VICE CHAIRMAN HAKAMADA WAS
FORMALLY EXPELLED BY JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY ON DEC. 30, HAVING
BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING DISCIPLINE BY PUBLICLY CRITICIZING
PARTY LEADERSHIP. OTHERWISE PHRASED, ONE MIGHT SAY, CROCHETY
OLDSTER WAS FOUND GUILTY OF DELIBERATELY CROSSING CHAIRMAN
MIYAMOTO. EMBITTERED HAKAMADA MIGHT SEEK REVENGE BY MAKING MORE
EMBARRASSING REVELATIONS OR EVEN BY SIDING OPENLY WITH MOSCOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. STARTING ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, JCP PRESIDUM VICE CHAIRMAN
SATOMI HAKAMADA, TILL THEN AN OLD AND OSTENSIBLY LOYAL COMRADE
OF CHAIRMAN KENJI MIYAMOTO, BEGAN TO BE CRITICAL OF MIYAMOTO'S
POLICIES. HE PUBLICLY CONDEMNED PARTY POLICY WHICH HAD LED TO
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JCP'S HEAVY LOSSES IN DEC. 1976 ELECTIONS AND ACCUSED MIYAMOTO
OF SWITCHING POLICY LINE TOWARD FAVORING OF COALITION WITH
OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES WITHOUT CONSULTING PRESIDUM DURING
THAT ELECTION CAMPAIGN. BECAUSE OF THESE MISDEEDS, HAKAMADA
WAS UNCEREMONIOUSLY DUMPED FROM PRESIDUM AT JCP'S OCTOBER 1977
CONGRESS (REFTTEL). IN LINE WITH MIYAMOTO'S RECENT EMPHASIS ON
YOUTH, HAKAMADA, 73, PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN REPLACED ANYWAY,

AND WE UNDERSTAND HE WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN WELL-PENSIONED HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN PRESIDIUM. HIS TRANSGRESSIONS WERE SO GREAT AS TO PRECLUDE THAT TREATMENT, HOWEVER, AND HE WAS SIMPLY STRIPPED OF HIS POSITION.

2. SINCE OCTOBER HAKAMADA, APPARENTLY MADE EVEN MORE ILL-TEMPERED BY PARTY'S REBUKE, HAS CONTINUED HIS ATTACKS. IN DEC., FIRST INSTALLMENT OF HAKAMADA'S CRITICAL REMINISCENCES ON "MY COMRADE OF YESTERYEAR," MIYAMOTO, APPEARED IN NATIONAL WEEKLY MAGAZINE. HAKAMADA, WHO WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED ALONG WITH MIYAMOTO IN 1933 FOR STRANGLING POLICE INFORMER, AND WHO HAD ASSOCIATED WITH HIM CONSTANTLY EVER SINCE, ACCUSED CHAIRMAN OF DOGMATICALLY CONTROLLING PARTY AND SQUELCHING DEBATE AND CRITICISM AT PRESIDIUM MEETINGS.

3. THUS PROVOKED, MIYAMOTO TOOK AWAY ONLY THING LEFT, HAKAMADA'S PARTY MEMBERSHIP. IN DOING SO HE OF COURSE RISKED GOADING HAKAMADA INTO FURTHER EMBARRASSING ACTIVITIES; HE MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE INTERESTING STORIES TO TELL ABOUT STRANGLING INCIDENT. ALREADY HAKAMADA HAS TERMED CHARGES AGAINST HIM "UTTER FABRICATIONS" AND HAS DESCRIBED SITUATION IN JCP AS "REMINISCENT OF STALINIST DAYS IN USSR."

4. COMMENT: DESPITE CURRENT JCP POLICY FAVORING PARLIAMENTARY ROUTE TO POWER, MIYAMOTO HAS RUN JCP WITH IRON HAND SINCE ASSUMING LEADERSHIP, EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPOSING OF EVERY LEADERSHIP

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RIVAL AND CRITIC ALONG THE WAY. IN VERY UNLIKELY EVENT THAT POTENTIAL CRITICS HAD MISSED PREVIOUS SIGNALS, THEY NOW HAVE DISCOURAGING HAKAMADA EXAMPLE BEFORE THEM.

5. ALTHOUGH LONG CONSIDERED PRO-SOVIET, THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE THAT AMONG HAKAMADA'S MISDEEDS WAS PRO-MOSCOW HERESY. YET HIS BROTHER HAS BEEN LIVING IN MOSCOW FOR YEARS AND, AMONG CHARGES DETAILED IN PAPER READING HIM OUT OF PARTY, WAS ONE ALLEGING HAKAMADA HAD SECRET CONTACTS WITH CPSU IN JAN. 1977. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT VERY EMBITTERED HAKAMADA MIGHT BE WILLING TO BECOME MOSCOW'S JAPANESE MOUTHPIECE IN ON-GOING IDEOLOGICAL FUED WHICH HAS KEPT NON-ALIGNED JCP ESTRANGED FROM MOSCOW FOR OVER A DECADE.

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